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ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A)
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AND METHOD OF USING THE)
SAME)

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RESPONSE

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, in the above-identified patent application in the manner indicated below.

There are no amendments to the Specification in this paper.

There are no amendments to the Claims in this paper. A Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no amendments to the Drawings in this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.